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The Council of Seventy.

The professional reading courses announced by the Institute to commence October 1 have met with a warm welcome from ministers in all parts of the country. Already a large number are enrolled and ready for work.

The selection of books for the course has been a difficult task. About forty members of the Council recommended lists, and from these a committee made the final selection. So far as possible, the committee was governed by the following considerations: (1) the course must be comprehensive, embracing historical background and all the phases of the subject necessary to a general view; (2) the volumes upon a single course should not exceed ten in number; (3) in subjects upon which there is controversy both sides should be represented by their best exponents; (4) the books should be in the English language, and not too technical to be interesting; (5) each book should be such a one as a minister would find of permanent value in his library.

With these principles in mind, the following books have been chosen tentatively. There may be a few changes or omissions in the list, but substantially they will remain.

1. THE HISTORICAL AND LITERARY ORIGIN OF THE PENTATEUCH.

Green: *The Higher Criticism of the Pentateuch.*
*Driver: *Introduction to Literature of Old Testament.*
Kuenen: *The Hexateuch.*
Briggs: *The Higher Criticism of the Hexateuch.*
W. Robertson Smith: *The Old Testament in the Jewish Church.*
Bissell: *The Pentateuch; Its Origin and Structure.*
Robertson: *Early Religion of Israel.*
Kittel: *History of the Hebrews,* Vol. I.
Vos: *The Mosaic Origin of the Pentateuchal Codes.*

2. THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY.

W. Robertson Smith: *The Prophets of Israel.*
Orelli: *Old Testament Prophecy.*
Kirkpatrick: *The Doctrine of the Prophets.*

* Necessary for all Old Testament courses.

2. THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY — *continued.*

Briggs: *Messianic Prophecy.*
Cornill: *The Prophets of Israel.*
George Adam Smith: *The Book of the Twelve Prophets.*
Riehm: *Messianic Prophecy.*
Elliott: *Old Testament Prophecy.*
Kuenen: *Prophets and Prophecy in Israel.*
Delitzsch: *Messianic Prophecies in Historical Succession.*

3. THE ORIGIN AND GROWTH OF THE HEBREW PSALTER.

Cheyne: *The Origin and Religious Contents of the Psalter.*
Perowne: *The Psalms.*
Davison: *Praises of Israel.*
Murray: *Origin and Growth of the Psalter.*
Delitzsch: *Commentary on the Psalms.*
Wellhausen: *Translation of the Psalms* (in the Polychrome edition of Haupt).
Kirkpatrick: *The Psalms* (Cambridge Bible).
Binnie: *The Psalms; Their Teaching and Use.*

4. THE LIFE OF THE CHRIST.

Wendt: *Teaching of Jesus.*
Edersheim: *Life and Times of Jesus.*
Andrews: *The Life of Our Lord.*
Weiss: *Life of Christ.*
†Stevens and Burton: *A Harmony of the Gospels.*
Fairbairn: *Studies in the Life of Christ.*
Stapfer: *Palestine in the Time of Christ.*
Seeley: *Ecce Homo.*
Muirhead: *Times of Christ.*

5. THE APOSTOLIC AGE.

McGiffert: *The Apostolic Age.*
Weizsäcker: *Apostolic Age.*
Ramsay: *St. Paul, the Traveler.*
Conybeare and Howson: *Life and Letters of Paul.*
‡Burton: *Records and Letters of the Apostolic Age.*
Sabatier: *The Apostle Paul.*
Neander: *The Planting and Training of the Christian Church.*
Schaff: *Church History*, Vol. I.

† Or a good modern Harmony.
‡ Text of the Acts and epistles historically arranged, with notes, etc.

6. THE PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH THE GOSPEL OF JOHN.

Abbott, Peabody, and Lightfoot: *The Fourth Gospel.*
Westcott: *Introduction to Commentary.*
Watkins: *Bampton Lectures 1890.*
Sanday: Articles in *Expositor*, November–May, 1891–2.
Schürer: Articles in *Contemporary Review.*
Gloag: *Introduction to the Johannine Writings.*
Luthardt: *St. John the Author of the Fourth Gospel.*

7. CHRISTIANITY AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

Henderson: *Social Elements.*
Abbott: *Christianity and Social Problems.*
Gladden: *The Christian Pastor and the Working Church.*
Westcott: *The Social Aspects of Christianity.*
Freemantle: *The World as a Subject of Redemption.*
Mathews: *The Social Teachings of Jesus.*
Brace: *Gesta Christi.*
Hodges: *Social Service and Christianity.*

8. THE PREPARATION OF SERMONS.

Phelps: *Theory of Preaching.*
Broadus: *Preparation and Delivery of Sermons.*
Beecher, H. W.: *Yale Lectures on Preaching.*
Watson (Ian Maclaren): *The Cure of Souls.*
Brooks, Phillips: *Lectures on Preaching.*
Phelps: *English Style in Public Discourse.*
Burton, N. J.: *Yale Lectures on Preaching.*

These lists will be published in final form, with prices, about October 1. They will there be arranged in the order in which the books are to be read.

"The Foreshadowings of the Christ" is the topic to be used in the Outline Bible Study work this year. The work in this course also begins October 1, and over one thousand students are ready to commence on the very day. As there is nothing else published which arranges all the Scripture bearing upon this subject in the line of the development of the Messianic idea in connection with the history of which it was a part, this course presents a rare opportunity. Of course, it is arranged for popular work, but it is none the less on a scholarly basis.

A special offer is made to ministers whereby, by the distribution of three hundred of the announcements of this particular course, the material comprising it is sent to them free of charge.